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IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) In a distributed network having a number of server computers and associated client device, a method of creating an anti-computer virus agent, comprising:

parsing a selected computer virus; and

based upon the parsing,

modifying the parsed virus so that a detection module for detecting whether a client device is presently infected with a virus, triggers the introduction of an anti-virus infection module so that the virus in a client device is overwritten, and wherein an anti-virus agent payload, created based on features of the selected computer virus, performs as a cleaning/repairing payload capable of cleaning and repairing damage done to the client device, the payload also capable of inoculating the client device against the virus in cases where the client device was not infected by the computer virus to repair those client devices infected by the selected virus.

- 2. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the <u>selected computer</u> virus is formed of a detection module, an infection module, and a viral code payload module.
- 3. (Original) A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the detection module identifies a selected one of the client devices as a target client device.
- 4. (Original) A method as recited in claim 3, wherein the infection module causes the virus to infect those target client devices not infected by the selected virus.
- 5. (Original) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the viral code payload module includes viral code that infects the targeted client device.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 1 5, wherein the modifying comprises: